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# *We Are...Marshall!*

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## *"Living Legend" Looks Forward to Retirement*

One of Marshall's "living legends" is set to ride off into the sunset.



*Dr. Jim Harless, Director of Admissions, will retire in January.*

Dr. Jim Harless, MU director of Admissions, will retire January 2<sup>nd</sup> after 38 years of service, leaving behind a legacy of goodwill, generosity and ambassadorship for the university. He will be recognized during a reception on Friday, December 14, from 3 to 5 p.m. in the John Marshall Room of the Memorial Student Center.

"As director of Admissions for more than 30 years, Dr. Harless became the university's best ambassador," said Dr. George Arnold,

MU Journalism professor. "I am certain that to thousands of teachers and students at hundreds of high schools, Jim Harless **IS** Marshall University."

Harless, a Marshall alumnus and Charleston native, began his career at MU in 1963 as an administrator in the university's Logan branch. He became director of Admissions after the former director, Brian O'Conner, died in the football plane crash of 1970. "Brian was a good friend," Harless said. "I felt an obligation to help at that time and I still feel that."

During his career, Harless has traveled more than 570,000 miles and contacted more than 300,000 students, all in the name of Marshall University. "I have tried to be a 'people person,' to get out and visit with students in their hometowns," he said. "My goal was to get students, especially those whose parents didn't go to college, to think about coming to Marshall."

Dr. Sarah Denman, provost and senior vice president for Academic Affairs, has worked with Harless at Marshall

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## *Thundering Herd, Fans Head to Mobile for GMAC Bowl*

A whole array of festive activities, including a Mardi Gras Parade and a gala tailgate party, are on tap when Marshall athletes and fans travel to Mobile, Alabama, for the December 19 GMAC Bowl which will pit The Herd against East Carolina.

Players and coaches will attend a variety of pre-game events, including a visit to hospitalized children, a breakfast which will feature Florida State Head football coach Bobby Bowden, a luncheon featuring "Iron" Mike Ditka, a meeting with fourth-grade students and an appearance in the Mardi Gras Parade.

A pre-parade party is slated for Tuesday, December 18 from 5 to 7 p.m. in the atrium of the Exploreum Science Center, located along the parade route and a five-minute walk from Cooper Riverside Park, where a pre-game pep rally will be held. Food and a cash bar will be available. Reservations are requested, but walk-ins will be accepted. Tickets cost \$30 per person and may be purchased by calling the Alumni Relations Office at ext. 3134, the Big Green Office at ext. 4661 or the MU Ticket Office at 1-800-THE HERD.

The Mardi Gras Parade, featuring the MU marching band, cheerleaders, Marco and an appearance by the

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## *Angela Howell is Employee of the Month*

Angela Howell, campus police officer lead, has been named the Marshall University Employee of the Month for October, according to Jim Stephens, chair of the Employee of the Month Selection Committee.

Howell, who has been employed at the university since 1992, was nominated by members of the MU Welcome Center Staff, Steve Leadman, Sharon Lemons, and Sabrina Simpson.

In the nomination they wrote, "Angela is



*President Dan Angel presents Angela Howell with the oversized check commemorating her selection as Employee of the Month.*

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## Middleton Receives Dubois Award



Dr. Ernest Middleton

Dr. Ernest Earl Middleton, associate vice president for Multicultural Affairs and International Programs and coordinator of the Center for the African American Students' Program, has received the 2001 W.E.B. Dubois Higher Education Award.

The award was given in recognition of exemplary leadership and commitment to improving the quality of higher education. It was presented at the 26<sup>th</sup> Annual Hall of Fame Awards Program in November at the National

Alliance of Black School Educators (NABSE) conference. Members of NABSE were inducted based on their individual achievements in the field of education who have provided unique service and diligence in carrying out the mission of NABSE.

Middleton was inducted into the Hall of Fame along with actor Robert Guillaume, noted musician George Duke, and California Congresswoman Diane Watson.

## Marshall Receives Anti-Tobacco Project Funding

Marshall has received a \$20,000 grant to fund a year-long, anti-tobacco project combining the efforts of students from the Lewis College of Business, the Joan C. Edwards School of Medicine, and the Office of Student Affairs and Health Education.

The grant comes from the State Tobacco Prevention and Reduction Project through the West Virginia Bureau for Public Health's Tobacco Prevention Program. The project focuses on tobacco use issues among 18-24 year olds.

During the fall semester, marketing and management students from the LCOB and the School of Medicine, along with a graduate assistant in health education, developed and carried out a survey on the behaviors and attitudes involving tobacco use of more than 900 MU students. Students in Dr. Deanna Mader's Promotion Management class, and Dr. J.D. Harrah's Health Care Management class participated in the project.

## We Are...Marshall!

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## College of Education Receives Grants from State Dept. of Education



Posing with the presentation check Dec. 13 were (seated) Dr. Karen Mitchell, representing Project ENCOMPASS, (standing, from left), Dr. Larry Froehlich, dean of the College of Education and Human Services; President Dan Angel; Dr. Stan Maynard, director of the June Harless Center, and Secretary Kay Goodwin.

Two grants totaling \$56,000 have been received from the West Virginia Office of the Secretary of Education and the Arts.

Kay Goodwin, secretary of Education and the Arts, announced a \$50,000 grant which will go to MU's June Harless Center for Rural Education Research and Development to help fund several projects, including Arts on Wheels, distance learning projects in small rural schools and developing the center's web page.

A \$6,000 grant from Goodwin's office will provide textbooks for Project ENCOMPASS, which is headed up by Karen Mitchell, an associate professor of mathematics at Marshall. Project ENCOMPASS is geared toward enriching the teaching environment of the state's mathematics teachers by getting them to use more problem solving, writing, presenting, group work and creative thinking in the classroom.

## Faculty/Staff Achievements

Dr. Leonard Deutsch, dean of the Graduate College, attended the Council of Graduate Schools' annual conference, December 5-8, in San Diego. He delivered a paper co-authored by Dr. Bobbi Nicholson, associate professor of Leadership Studies on "Master's Focused Institutions: Comprehensive Examinations and Capstone Projects."

## Note of Thanks

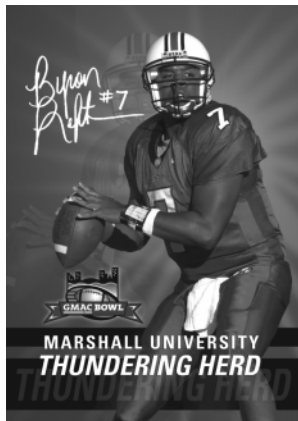
I would like to thank the faculty and administration for the lovely flowers I received when I broke my arm. The arrangement was bright and cheerful and improved my outlook considerably.

Nancy Stump

## GMAC Bowl

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Thundering Herd, starts at 6:30 p.m. near the Mobile Civic Center and makes a circle around the city's downtown. A Marshall pep rally will follow at Cooper Riverside Park with a fireworks display set for 8:30 p.m., ending with a party featuring an indoor and outdoor band, plus food, drinks and games.



A souvenir trading card of Marshall quarterback Byron Leftwich will be given to bowl game ticket purchasers.

A sumptuous event will be the pre-game Tailgate all you can eat "Creole Buffet" party, which begins at 4:30 and goes on until the end of the 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter. Sponsored by the Big Green and the Alumni Association, the party will be located inside Ladd Peebles Stadium on the north endzone concourse. The menu features red beans & rice, Low Country shrimp boil with corn and potatoes, cole slaw, French bread, apple cobbler, and more, organizers promise. Tickets are \$30 each and participants will receive a limited edition trading card of Byron Leftwich and a

special collector's button. For reservations, call 696-HERD.

Sam Stanley, assistant vice president for alumni relations, describes the events accompanying the GMAC Bowl as "the best bowl opportunity we've had for our alumni not only to see a great football game, but to enjoy all of the traditional bowl festivities."

"The highlight is the ballgame, but what makes this one different than any bowl is the (Mardi Gras) parade," Stanley said. "I'm happy the alumni association and the Big Green are able to provide the opportunity for Marshall alumni and friends to 'herdnob' at these festivities. It is important for Marshall's future bowl ambitions that our alumni and friends participate in all of these activities."

GMAC Bowl tickets are \$45 and may be purchased over the phone or by printing an order form from [www.herdzone.com](http://www.herdzone.com). For more ticket information, call the MU Ticket Office at 1-800-THE HERD.

## Marshall Artists Series Offers Holiday Gift Idea

If you're tired of making lists, checking them twice, and fighting the holiday shopping crowds, the Marshall Artists Series may have just the gift for anyone on that list.

Holiday Gift Packs, which allow the pre-purchase of tickets for upcoming spring shows, are once again available. And ordering early assures you of the best seats, Series organizers say.

Pricing and packaging vary. For pricing information or to purchase a gift pack, call the MU Artists Series box office at ext. 6656 or stop by the box office in the Joan C. Edwards Performing Arts Center Monday through Friday from noon to 4 p.m.

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## Angela Howell

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continuously proving herself to be a worthy candidate on a daily basis. She goes above and beyond every day of the year....Angela is kind, considerate, giving, caring, and she genuinely cares about the people on this campus. She is the R.A.D. instructor, and several times throughout the year she travels to other sites to not only instruct this course, but to gain greater skills to pass on to the individuals who take her course."

Her co-workers noted that "Angie goes above and beyond the call of duty. Working in the same building with MUPD, we see her in action on a daily basis. She works late, comes in early, and is very committed to her job. She is pleasant, always has a smile, and she is always willing to help anyone in need."

Her compassion and caring concern for others was demonstrated by an event that happened last spring, her nominators say. "On Tuesday, May 8, 2001, a student in a wheelchair was attempting to cross 18<sup>th</sup> Street, when something happened to his wheelchair. He was stuck in the road and it was pouring rain. Angie saw that this student was in trouble, and although many people walked past him, she rushed out and pulled him out of the road. She pushed him to a dry place and stayed with him until he was able to determine what was wrong with his wheelchair. This is just one of the many instances that make her worthy to be chosen as Employee of the Month. She has a thankless job, but that doesn't affect her ability to perform."

President Angel presented her with a plaque, balloon bouquet and a check for \$100. She will be eligible for the Employee of the Year Award.

## Note of Thanks

To the Staff and Faculty of Marshall University:

As spokespersons for Peggy Mills and her family we would like to take this opportunity to say a few things. The things are coming straight from our hearts and souls.

First, thank each and every one of you that gave vacation and sick days to Peggy so that she could remain part of the staff at the best place in this world to work. This is how she felt and believe us when we say that if she were here now and healthy, all of you would see her at her station in the registrar's office working her hardest to help each student that she could help.

There is no doubt that Peggy felt blessed and privileged to work at Marshall where she had another family, and, oh what a second family all of you were to her and are still to us! Her eyes came alive and her voice filled with excitement when she talked about Marshall, regardless if it was helping with a new project in the School of Extended Education or telling how she was able to help a student get a critical class so they would be on track in their coursework.

May God bless and keep all of you,

*The Mills Family*

## *MLK Symposium Receives Grant Funding for 4th Year*

For the fourth time, Marshall has been awarded a grant by the Corporation for National Service to help fund two youth leadership programs and a host of other programs honoring the teachings of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., according to Dr. Betty Cleckley, vice president for Multicultural Affairs and International Programs.

The Martin Luther King Day of Service Initiative grants are awarded annually to groups that organize service projects which honor King's legacy and the spirit of his teachings through bringing people together to solve community problems.

Marshall is one of only three organizations in West Virginia, and the only higher education institution, to be awarded the grant. Braxton County Coalition, Inc., and Unity Housing, Inc., of Morgantown, also received grants.

"As in years past, the Martin Luther King Day of Service Grant will prove to be a welcome source of funding for the Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., Symposium's youth related events," said Cleckley. "These programs are designed to help transform the youth of today into the leaders of tomorrow by instilling within them Dr. King's value of civil rights and social justice."

Through funds from the grant, MU is sponsoring several programs and activities to honor King's legacy on Martin Luther King Day, January 21, 2002, and throughout the year.

## *"Living Legend"*

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for more than 30 years. "No one probably knows more about Marshall University than Jim Harless," Denman said. "Throughout the years, a lot of people attended Marshall because Jim Harless came to their high schools and talked to them about Marshall."

Marshall had only nine buildings on campus when Harless began serving as director of Admissions. "Today this campus is beautiful," he said. "This campus is an easy one to sell. When visitors come to Marshall, all I have to do is just walk around with them, and they like what they see."

Registrar Roberta Ferguson said she is honored to have worked with Harless for 12 years. "Jim has been my mentor during my career in student services," Ferguson said. "I will miss his 'fatherly' advice. He is a dedicated administrator, compassionate man and a wonderful friend. All of us in Old Main will miss his regular visits, cheery disposition and words of encouragement."

After his retirement, Harless will serve on a part-time basis as a recruiter for Alumni Development at Marshall. He will also enter the ministry, serving as a Lay Minister for the Presbyterian Church.

"I have been fortunate to work with outstanding people at Marshall University," he added. "I would just like to say thank you to all the staff, faculty and administrators that I have had the pleasure to work with throughout the years."

## *Marshall Artists Series*

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Upcoming events, all at the Keith Albee Theatre, include:

**Can Can de Paris**, January 14, 8 p.m. Much sought after American and French choreographers have re-created the elegance and the excitement of an evening in a great French Music Hall.

**Titanic**, January 29, 8 p.m. Eighty-nine years after the ship of dreams hit an iceberg and went down, the lives and yearnings of the Titanic's crew, staff and passengers unfold dramatically against the majestic backdrop of the doomed ship.

**Das Puppenspiel: Peter and the Wolf and the Snow Queen**, March 1, at 7 p.m., and March 2, at 10 a.m., 2 p.m. and 7 p.m. Featuring stunning visuals, exquisitely crafted 'bunraku' style puppets and an original musical score, the stage is transformed into an enchanted place children and grown-ups alike will love.

**Art**, March 19, 8 p.m. This Tony Award winning "Best Play" paints the portrait of three middle-aged, mostly prosperous men who have enjoyed a long-lasting friendship. The comedy seeks to find out the truth about friendship and life, art and infinity.

**Mozarteum Orchestra**, April 9, 8 p.m. In 1841, prominent Salzburg musicians gathered with Mozart's widow to found the "Cathedral Music Association and Mozarteum" which the world now knows as the Mozarteum Orchestra of Salzburg. Through its numerous CD's, international tours, and appearances at the Salzburg Festival, the orchestra has

established itself as the preeminent keeper of the flame of Mozart's legacy.

**Ragtime**, May 7, 8 p.m.

The four-time Tony Award-winning musical based on E.L. Doctrow's best selling novel, is a timeless tale of innocence lost and freedom won. In epic fashion, it tells the story of three American families at the turn of the last century, who discover an era where everything was possible.

For additional show information, visit the World Wide Web site at [www.marshall.edu/muartsr/](http://www.marshall.edu/muartsr/).



## *Excused Absences*

Absences have been excused for these students on the dates noted:

November 29-30 - LaShonda Bare, John Blankenship, Heather Shelton, Deidra Rensing, Jessica Bloom, Amanda Justice, Jamie Brogan, Christa Jones.